

I note that Harris, the excessively "dry" Governor of Georgia, has just been defeated for re-election by a vote of 70,546 against 111,355. It has been the custom in that State to give the Governor a second term. Are Georgians returning to reason?

The following elegant specimen of English is accredited to the Rev. William Sunday:

"Don't let any hog-jowled, weasel-livered, hell-begotten, beetle-browed, beer-guzzling mull tell you I'm a grifter. It's a lie! I work for the 'ALMIGHTY'."

Close the extract with the word "DOLLAR" and I, for one, will not say him nay.

THE Post-Dispatch doesn't like Jno. P. Gordon. Once upon a time not so very long ago Mr. Gordon's son thrashed a certain reporter for some discrediting statement he had made concerning Gordon, Sr. But, of course, there's no connection at all between these facts. In the late Primary Mr. Gordon had two opponents, but he beat them both, with 5,000 votes to spare against their combined total. So much for the P.-D.'s "influence."

BRO. HAFNER wants a definition and explanation of the term, "Americanism" as employed by me. I cheerfully respond to his request. "Americanism" is the moving spirit of him who is for America (meaning the United States) first, last and all the time; whose sympathy for either of the contending powers of Europe does not abate his loyalty to this government; who believes in the principle laid down in the Declaration of Independence that all men are born equal in the right to the pursuit of welfare and happiness; who abominates the doctrine of Divine Right which has for hundreds of years cursed and devastated the countries of the Old World. That is my definition of Americanism, which is self-sufficient and bows to no foreign influence.

I LIKE to quote from Republican editorials of the recent past. Here is what the Pittsburgh Gazette-Times (a stand-pat Republican paper) said at a time all will recall. I recommend it to our foreign-born citizens especially:

President Wilson's personal appeal to his "fellow-countrymen" to preserve strict neutrality in speech and conduct is timely in its proclamation and admirable in its tone and purpose. In essence it is a reminder that this country of ours is America, a grand fact which appears to have escaped the minds of some who would supplement the continental conflict across the Atlantic by instigating controversies between natives of the countries now at war. Necessarily there are varying sympathies and hopes—it would be unnatural if it were not—but the future of every naturalized son of Great Britain, of Germany, of Russia, of France, of Austria-Hungary, of Belgium, and of Serbia in the United States is bound up with the people of the United States and not with the powers of Europe. To all such, as well as to native-born Americans, the President remarks that the moral "effect of the war upon the United States will depend upon what American citizens say and do." In a large way, whether there be implicit confidence in the Democratic party or not, President Wilson should be trusted to steer the American ship of state free of the infinite national perils of Europe's gigantic embroilment. Let us not forget that, much as game was made of his policy of "watchful waiting" with regard to Mexico, it is now almost universally conceded that that proved to be the wise course. Imagine us at war with Mexico at this juncture, with Europe in the death grapple of the centuries!

The Old-Time Singing Association

Was loaned to the town of Sullivan where it held its 13th Annual reunion on Saturday and Sunday, September 23d and 24th, and was the most largely attended in its history. Rev. J. H. Hamlin, who is the President as well as the founder, and is now about 88 years "young," came all the way from Springfield, Mo., to be present, and to conduct the meetings. The meetings were held in the Baptist Church, which is the first church house built in Sullivan.

Rev. Hamlin, assisted by Messrs. Green and Reed Stevens, did nearly all the carpenter work. M. B. Rollins made the seats and helped Rev. Hamlin paint it, and it now looks like an old building, but it is nicely furnished and is quite commodious. It was my good fortune to be present at the Sunday meeting which was called to order at ten A. M. by Rev. Hamlin and opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Woodward, the pastor. The Mayor of Sullivan made the welcome address, which was certainly fine and eloquent. I didn't know who he was, and as there were so many "Brethren of the cloth" sitting on the Rostrum, I thought he must be the Presbyterian Minister; he wasn't, though.

The membership of the Association consists of people who have taught singing schools and people who learned to sing out of the Christian Harmony, the first singing book that I ever heard anyone sing from, and 72 were present.

The County Treasurer of Arnett, Oklahoma, Thos. J. Eldredge, and wife, and another man and his wife, came 800 miles to be at that reunion. Mr. Bryson came from Moss' mill in Jefferson county, Mo., bringing his singing class of 25 in two big auto drays. All the towns along the Frisco from Rolls to St. Clair were largely represented. St. Louis and Potosi sent members, to say nothing of those who came from the surrounding country. The following are the names of those who are and have been singing school teachers, and led in singing, in turn, from one to three tunes.

The tune was sung by note till learned; then the words were sung. The organ was used only to sound the pitch or key note. Rev. J. R. Hamlin, L. Licklider, —Humphrey, —Bryson, T. J. Eldredge, Frank Evans, "Uncle Jimmy" King, M. M. Hamlin, —Deffebah, —Kerr, —Johnson,

and J. K. Lewis. (Could not learn the initials where omitted.) At 12 M. the congregation was dismissed for dinner. Out on the lawn were tables, and more tables, just loaded with good things to eat, prepared by the ladies, and instead of having the Blessing asked that good old Daxology, "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" was sung. It was estimated that at least 500 people ate, and still there was enough food left to feed a good many more.

The afternoon was spent in singing and short talks of a reminiscent nature. Editor Dotter, Mr. Deffebah and Mrs. H. Knight were appointed to find out how many deaths had occurred during the past year, and reported that four members had passed over, namely: Mrs. J. R. Hamlin, J. P. Miller, Mrs. F. M. Bennett and Mary Porter. A committee—S. H. Sullivan, Sr., Frank Evans, O. Burks and C. C. Russell—was appointed on resolutions. As I haven't a copy I cannot give them all, but the two most important were to thank the people of Sullivan for their kind remembrance and hospitality, and to thank the ladies for their sumptuous dinner.

I would like to tell you about the stroll that I took about town with some young friends, and what we learned about the town, but it would take too long, and I am afraid I have already tired you. It was a lovely day, and everything passed off so pleasantly and quietly.

As Rev. Hamlin said in his little talk urging the singers to keep up these meetings, "It is a rest day—a day of joy—a love feast." The meeting closed as most all things here on this dear old world. Good-byes were said, and Mr. Bryson's class sped away in their auto truck singing, "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again." So say I.

Yours, most sincerely,
CLAUDE C. RUSSELL,
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British Navy Impressment. Impressment—the seizing of men for the British navy—was practiced for centuries, and did not become obsolete till just before the Crimean war. Sometimes the crews were taken from foreign ships on the high seas.

Natural Query.

Addington Bruce says men are not naturally lazy. Then what artificial condition or influence is it that makes us long for a sharp knife, a piece of white pine and a nice seat in the shade?

Also Needed.

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